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The following deaths were announced :—Col. J. D. Graham, U. S. A., Dec. 29, 1865, and Hon. Henry Winter Davis, Dec. 30, 1865, Correspondents, and Adolphus L. Heermann, M. D., Member, Sept. 2, 1865.

January 9th.

The President, DR. HAYS, in the Chair.

Twenty-one members present.

Dr. Slack directed the attention of the members to some interesting specimens of fossils, and chalk of the cretaceous period, from Smoky Hill River, Colorado Territory, presented this evening by Mr. D. C. Collier.

January 16th.

MR. VAUX, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Twenty-one members present.

January 23d.

MR. VAUX, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Seventeen members present.

The following deaths were announced :—Mr. Robt. Pearsall, Member, January 25, 1866 ; and Dr. John L. Riddell of New Orleans, and Dr. John L. Lindley, of London, Correspondents.

January 30th.

MR. VAUX, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Thirty members present.

A letter to the President was read, as follows :

PHILADELPHIA, *January 19th*, 1866.

The President of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

SIR,—I am prepared to pay a legacy of ten thousand dollars, (less U. S. tax) left to the above Institution by the will of my late brother, Thomas B. Wilson, deceased, and have enclosed herewith a release, to be signed and acknowledged, &c., before a Commissioner of the State of Delaware ; when executed, please advise me where and when we can meet to close the transaction.

Yours, respectfully,

RATHMELL WILSON, *Exc'r.*,
of THOMAS B. WILSON, *Dec'd.*

Address 919 Clinton street.

The death was announced of Mr. George Ord, Jan. 23, 18 6, formerly President of the Academy.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Academy : Mr. Edwin L. Reakirt, Mr. Robert Frazer, Mr. Jas. H. B. Bland,

Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. George M. Woodward, Mr. Thomas Guilford Smith, Mr. William Forster Jones, and the Rev. E. R. Beadle.

Pursuant to the By-Laws, an election of members of the Standing Committees for the ensuing year was held, as follows:

ETHNOLOGY.
J. A. MEIGS,
S. S. HALDEMAN,
F. V. HAYDEN.

COMP. ANAT. AND GEN. ZOOLOGY.
H. ALLEN,
W. S. W. RUSCHENBERGER,
J. H. SLACK.

MAMMALOGY.
J. H. SLACK,
E. D. COPE,
H. ALLEN.

ORNITHOLOGY.
J. CASSIN,
S. F. BAIRD,
HENRY BRYANT.

HERPETOLOGY AND ICHTHYOLOGY.
E. D. COPE,
TH. NORRIS,
ROBERT BRIDGES.

CONCHOLOGY.
GEO. W. TRYON, JR.,
ISAAC LEA,
T. A. CONRAD.

ENTOMOLOGY AND CRUSTACEA.
JNO. L. LE CONTE,
J. H B. BLAND,
H. C. WOOD, JR.

BOTANY.
ELIAS DURAND,
C. H. PARKER,
C. E. SMITH.

GEOLOGY.
ISAAC LEA,
J. P. LESLEY,
F. V. HAYDEN.

MINERALOGY.
W. S. VAUX,
J. C. TRAUTWINE,
J. A. CLAY.

PALÆONTOLOGY.
T. A. CONRAD,
JOSEPH LEIDY,
F. V. HAYDEN.

PHYSICS.
ROBERT BRIDGES,
R. E. ROGERS,
JACOB ENNIS.

LIBRARY.
JOSEPH JEANES,
JOSEPH LEIDY,
JOHN CASSIN.

PROCEEDINGS.
JOSEPH LEIDY,
W. S. VAUX,
JOHN CASSIN,
ROBERT BRIDGES,
GEO. W. TRYON, JR.

February 6th.

MR. VAUX, Vice President, in the Chair.

Twenty-eight members present.

The following was presented for publication: "A Critical Review of of the Family Procellaridæ," by Elliot Coues, M. D., U. S. A.

Prof. E D. Cope presented to the Academy a specimen of Nautilus, obtained by him from the owner of "Heritages," Marl Pits, Glassboro, New Jersey, who stated to him that it had been found in those diggings. The identity of the matrix with that surrounding specimens of Teredo tibialis, and Terebratula